

Action Item

California Postsecondary Education Commission

Legislative Update, June 2004

This agenda item provides information on legislative proposals introduced in the 2003-04 legislative session.

The item is organized into four parts:

Part One, pages 1-2, presents a matrix of key higher education bills introduced in the 2003-04 legislative session.

Part Two, pages 3-7, contains a brief summary of each postsecondary education bill listed on the matrix.

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Part Four, page 13, is an index of the bills in this agenda item.

Recommended Action: Commission adoption of the recommended positions on bills presented in the matrix.

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*A Report to the Governmental
Relations Committee of the California
Postsecondary Education Commission*

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1 Matrix of Selected Legislation

THIS SECTION of the Legislative Update presents a matrix of bills tracked by the Commission during the second half of the 2003-2004 legislative session.

Brief summaries of the bills listed on the matrix are presented in the following section.

MATRIX 2003-2004 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY BILLS

	Bill Number	Author	Subject	CPEC Position	Policy Committee	Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	Policy Committee	Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	COMMENTS
1.	AB 655*	Liu	CPEC & CSAC Consolidation	Support	X	X	X	X	H		Held on Suspense File in Senate Appropriations Committee.
2.	AB 825	Firebaugh	Cal Grant Program - Transfer Student Study	Support	X	X	X	P			Pending consideration in Senate Education Committee.
3.	AB 1807	Liu	Vocational Education Reform Act of 2004	Watch	P						Pending consideration in Assembly Business and Professions Committee.
4.	AB 1932*	Maze	Pilot for CCC Bachelor Degrees	Oppose	H						Held on Suspense File in Assembly Higher Education Committee.
5.	AB 2177*	Jackson	Nursing Programs; Admissions Criteria	Support	X	X	P				Pending consideration on Assembly Floor.
6.	AB 2457	Goldberg	Extension of Sunset	Watch	X	X	X	P			Pending consideration in Senate Education Committee.
7.	AB 2469*	Asm. Higher Educ. Com.	Public Postsecondary Education	Watch	X	X	X	P			Pending consideration in Senate Rules Committee.
8.	AB 2574	Diaz	Student Fees; Principles	Support	P						Pending consideration in Assembly Higher Education Committee.
9.	AB 2615	Asm. Higher Educ. Com.	Repeal of Obsolete Reporting Requirements	Support	X	X	X	P			Pending consideration in Senate Education Committee.
10.	AB 2710*	Liu/Diaz	Student Fee Policy	Support in Concept	X	X	X	P			Pending consideration in Senate Education Committee.
11.	AB 2833	Plescica	Dual Admissions Agreements	Watch	P						Pending consideration in Assembly Higher Education Committee.
12.	AB 2923*	Liu	CA Postsecondary Educ. Policy & Finance Com.	Watch	X	X	X				Pending consideration in Senate Rules Committee for assignment.
13.	ACA 4	Simitian	Taxation: Educational Entities; Parcel Tax	Support	X	X	H				Held on Assembly inactive file.
14.	SB 6*	Alpert	Master Plan Recommendations	Watch	X	X	X				Held at Assembly desk.
15.	SB 1182	Margett	Study of Cal Grant Recipients Persistence	Watch	P						Pending consideration in Senate Rules Committee.
16.	SB 1329	Denham	Student Protection Act - Fees	Support	P						Pending consideration in Senate Education Committee.
17.	SB 1331*	Alpert/Scott	Accountability Act of 2004	Support in Concept	X	X	X				Held at Assembly desk.
18.	SB 1415	Brulte	Common Course Numbering	Support	X	X	X				Held at Assembly desk.

19.	SB 1503	McClintock	Non-Resident Tuition Criteria	Oppose	F						Failed passage in Senate Education Committee.
20.	SB 1535	Karnette	Student Fee Policy	Watch	X	X	X				Held at Assembly desk.
21.	SB 1544	Figueroa	Extension of Sunset	Watch	X	X	X				Held at Assembly desk.
22.	SB 1785	Scott/Alpert	Dual Admissions Programs	Support	X	X	X				Held at Assembly desk.
23.	SB 1817	Scott/Alpert	CCC Governance	Watch	X	X	X				Held at Assembly desk.
X-Action Taken H-Held in Committee P-Pending Consideration F-Failed Passage *CPEC Involvement 05/27/04											

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Legislative Bill Summaries

1. Assembly Bill 655 Subject: CPEC & CSAC Consolidation
Author: Liu Version: 02/04/04

This bill would combine the program and policy responsibilities of the Postsecondary Education Commission and the Student Aid Commission into a new commission to be known as the California Postsecondary Education Policy and Finance Commission.

2. Assembly Bill 825 Subject: Cal Grant Program
Author: Firebaugh Version: 05/13/03

AB 825, as an intent bill, would call upon the Student Aid Commission to convene a group of interested parties to prepare a study on the extent to which the current Cal Grant programs adequately address the needs of Californians who seek a postsecondary education.

3. Assembly Bill 1807 Subject: BPPVE Reform Act of 2004
Author: Liu Version: 04/15/04

This bill would generally revise and recast numerous provisions of the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act.

4. Assembly Bill 1932 Subject: Pilot for CCC Bachelor Degrees
Author: Maze Version: 03/18/04

This bill would establish an advisory committee to recommend a framework for a pilot program authorizing two community colleges, the Porterville College and the College of the Sequoias, to award bachelor's degrees in specified fields.

5. Assembly Bill 2177 Subject: Nursing Programs; Admissions Criteria
Author: Jackson Version: 05/20/04

This bill would make numerous findings and declarations related to the need for more nurses in California. It would further require each community college nursing program to implement merit-based admissions criteria for applicants to the program to be implemented no later than the 2006-07 academic year. The bill also calls for tracking admissions data to determine whether there is a disproportionate impact on any group of applicants as outlined in federal law. If this occurs, each community college would be required to make good-faith efforts to mitigate that impact.

6. Assembly Bill 2457 Subject: Extension of Sunset
Author: Goldberg Version: 05/20/04

The bill would repeal the sunset date for the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act and extend its operation by 1 year.

7. Assembly Bill 2469 Subject: Higher Education Reporting
Author: Higher Education Version: 04/12/04

This bill would streamline or eliminate a number of statutory reporting requirements related to higher education. It is a consensus measure, with the author's objective to reduce the amount of obsolete, uncompleted or unused reports required by state higher education agencies.

8. Assembly Bill 2574 Subject: Student Fees, Principles
Author: Diaz Version: 02/20/04

This bill would establish policy principles to be taken into account when student fee policies are developed by the administration, governing boards or the Legislature. The principles include (a) any increase in student fees shall result in a proportional improvement in academic quality and service, (b) the Legislature and the administration shall recognize all costs incurred by the system in providing public postsecondary education, and shall fund a percentage of the real cost accordingly, (c) increases in fees shall be coupled with corresponding increases in state and institutional student financial aid, and (d) the price of mandatory public postsecondary resident student fees shall be set and adjusted based only on what an average middle class family in California is able to pay without grants or loans.

9. Assembly Bill 2615 Subject: Repeal of Obsolete
Author: Higher Education Committee Reporting Requirements
Version: 05/19/04

This bill would repeal obsolete reporting provisions required in current law.

10. Assembly Bill 2710 Subject: Student Fee Policy
Author: Liu Version: 05/20/04

This bill would establish state policies regarding system wide resident fees and financial aid for students enrolled in the state's public universities. In addition to numerous findings and intent language, the bill calls for the Regents and the Trustees to bear the primary responsibility for adjusting mandatory system wide resident student fees at their respective system. It also states that undergraduate student fees should not be increased by more than 8% in any year and that UC students should not pay more than 40% of the cost of education and CSU students should not pay more than 30% of the cost of education at their respective universities.

11. Assembly Bill 2833 Subject: Dual Admissions Agreements
 Author: Plescia Version: 04/13/04

This bill would require the State University and request the University of California to establish a dual admissions program for eligible students who are not directly admitted to either of the institutions. Students would be authorized to enter community college and guaranteed admittance to the institution if specified courses are completed. The agreement would include a guarantee that a student would be admitted to a California public university during a future academic year, have their community college fees waived, and receive counseling services to ensure the student is informed of appropriate course requirements.

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| 12. | Assembly Bill 2923 | Subject: | California Postsecondary Education Commission |
| | Author: Liu | | Version: 04/27/04 |

This bill recasts existing responsibilities of the Postsecondary Education Commission and adds additional specific responsibilities. It also restructures the membership of the commission and requires additional evaluation and strategic planning reports.

13. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4 Subject: Taxation:
Author: Simitian Educational Entities: Parcel Tax
Version: 04/29/03

This bill would authorize a school district, community college district, or county office of education, with the approval of 55% of its voters on the proposition, to impose a parcel tax.

14. Senate Bill 6 Subject: Master Plan Recommendations
Author: Alpert Version: 01/26/04

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to implement the recommendations of the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education.

15. Senate Bill 1182 Subject: Study of Cal Grant Recipients Persistence
Author: Margett Version: 02/09/04

This bill would call for a study of the persistence rates of Cal Grant recipients. (Per author's office; provisions not in bill yet.)

16. Senate Bill 1329 Subject: Student Protection Act - Fees
Author: Denham Version: 04/12/04

This bill would enact the Student Protection Act of 2004. Intent language is to institute a waiting period of at least 90 days between the adoption of the increase and the time at which the student is assessed the increase.

Also, the intent is that no increase would exceed 10% of the previous fee in any year. The author's intent is to apply the same provisions to the community colleges.

17. Senate Bill 1331 Subject: Accountability Act of 2004
Author: Alpert/Scott Version: 02/18/04

This bill would create the California Postsecondary Education Accountability Act of 2004, establishing a structure to assess the progress made by the state's system of postsecondary education in meeting the educational needs of Californians. It would require the Postsecondary Education Commission to administer the accountability structure and provide a report including analysis and assessment of the progress the state is making within each of several specified policy areas. The specific policy goals include (a) educational opportunity, (b) participation, (c) student success, and (d) public benefits.

18. Senate Bill 1415 Subject: Common Course Numbering
 Author: Brulte Version: 04/29/04

The bill would establish a common course numbering system that would be required of the community colleges and the state university, and authorized for the University of California and private postsecondary institutions to adopt and maintain. Such a system would be incorporated in the course catalogues by identifying each course for which a California articulation number has been adopted by its California Articulation Number (CAN) identifier.

19. Senate Bill 1503 Subject: Non-Resident Tuition Criteria
Author: McClintock Version: 02/19/04

This bill would delete provisions that currently allow a person without lawful immigration status to pay resident student fees. It repeals the provision of AB 540, the bill passed in 2001, that enabled persons without legal status who had attended high school in California for three or more years, who had graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent thereof, who had registered at or attended an accredited institution of higher education in California and who had filed an application to become a legal citizen to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at California's public universities.

20. Senate Bill 1535 Subject: Student Fee Policy
Author: Karnette Version: 04/28/04

This bill would establish the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. These segments include the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California. This bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office and the California Postsecondary Education Commission, in

consultation with the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, to propose a statewide policy, including specified principles, for the mandatory systemwide student fees of public higher education institutions. The bill would require this proposed policy to be presented, in writing, by February 1, 2005, to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Director of Finance . This bill contains other related provisions.

- Subject: Extension of Sunset
Version: 05/13/04
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The bill would repeal the sunset date for the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act and extend it for two years.

22. Senate Bill 1785 Subject: Dual Admissions Program
Author: Scott/Alpert Version: 04/29/04

This bill would require the California State University to establish admissions requirements for community college transfer students that specify for each baccalaureate program major a model core lower-division transfer curriculum composed of at least 45 semester course units that would be common across all campuses offering specific major programs. The bill would require the university to guarantee that transfer students admitted under the bill would be able to complete the baccalaureate degree in the minimum number of course units required for that degree. Additional provisions spell out the university's obligation to give highest priority to transfer students who meet specific qualifications of lower division coursework, declaration of major, prerequisite coursework, and other campus-specific requirements.

23. Senate Bill 1817 Subject: CCC Governance
Author: Scott/Alpert Version: 04/26/04

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to allow the California Community College Board of Governors to appoint up to six deputy and vice chancellors pending amendment to the State Constitution.

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Committee Membership

THIS PART of the Legislative Update lists the members of the legislative policy and fiscal committees for higher education.

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